

Budget Initiative Fact Sheet

Office: **MaineCare Services**

Date: **12/13/2011**

Initiative #: **7445 – Eliminate Physical Therapy**

Account: **0147, Z009, 0148**

I. Budget Proposal Description:

This initiative proposes to eliminate physical therapy (MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 85) as an optional service for members age 21 and over.

Physical therapy services for children are not proposed for elimination.

II. Financial Information:

	SFY'08	SFY'09	SFY'10	SFY'11
General Fund	222,526	127,951	121,542	456,701
Other Special Revenue				
Federal Funds	359,404	281,324	325,802	1,056,464
Total	581,930	409,275	447,344	1,513,165

Other sources of funding for program, i.e. FHM? ☐ Yes ☒ No

III. Total users of service – previous fiscal year: **12,875**

IV. Program Eligibility Criteria:

A physician or primary care physician (PCP) must document the potential for rehabilitation.

Adult members are currently eligible for:

1. Treatment following an acute hospital stay for a condition affecting range of motion, muscle strength and physical functional abilities; and/or
2. Treatment after a surgical procedure performed for the purpose of improving physical function; and/or
3. Treatment in those situations in which a physician or PCP has documented that the patient has at some time during the preceding 30 days, required extensive assistance in the performance of one or more of the following activities of daily living: eating, toileting, locomotion, transfer or bed mobility;
4. Medically necessary treatment for other conditions including maintenance and palliative care, subject to the limitations in Section 85.07; and/or

5. Maintenance care required to prevent deterioration in functions that would result in an extended length of stay or placement in an institutional or hospital setting, as documented by a physician or PCP.

V. Current Budget Proposal:

1) Appropriation Increase: \$ -0-

2) Appropriation Decrease: \$ SFY'12 SFY'13
111,634 604,791

3) Savings/Reduction Plan: Eliminate physical therapy as an optional service.

Services: Physical Therapy Services provided by or under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist for the purposes of:

- evaluating a member's condition
- planning and implementing a program to develop or maintain adaptive skills necessary to achieve the maximum physical and mental functioning of the member in his or her daily pursuits.

4) Any contracts impacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

VI. Legal Requirements:

Federal – subject to approval of CMS State Plan Amendment. Members and providers must be notified in advance. Medically necessary services for children are required through EPSDT and may not be eliminated.

State – subject to approval of state rulemaking and changes to statutes 22 MRSA §3173-C, 22 MRSA §3174-Q, 22 MRSA §3174-FF, and 22 MRSA §3173-A.

VII. Maintenance of Effort Requirements? ☐ Yes ☒ No

VIII. Q & A follow-up after committee session held on _____
Date